



DISTRICT 5 NEWSLETTER

from COUNCIL MEMBER MARY SHEFFIELD



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Welcome to the latest District 5 Monthly E-Newsletter, updating residents and the District 5 community on the latest City Council actions and happenings across the District. The newsletter will provide important informational resources for you and your neighbors. As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of District 5 on City Council.

On the Council Table

Better Late Than Never!



The City's Law Department, at the request of City Council and non-profit organizations, has drafted a proposed Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) ordinance. The proposed ordinance would require negotiation, monitoring and enforcement of CBAs for certain development projects, provide for the utilization of Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation for hiring and training residents, provide

for the contracting of Detroit-based businesses, ensure environmentally sound and sustainable practices and provide for Homeowner and Tenant Relocation programs. We need to ensure that those who wish to do business in Detroit, do business with ***Detroiters***.

[To read the proposed CBA ordinance click here](#)

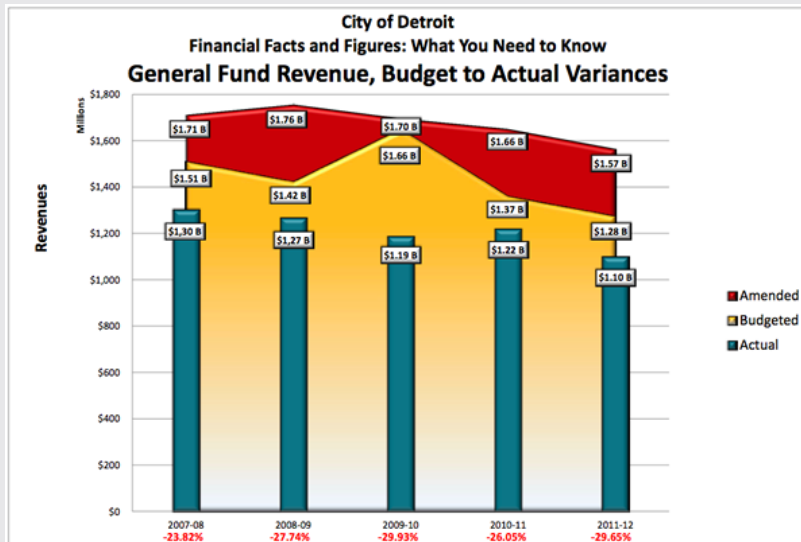
S.A.D. but it's True!



City Council, by a unanimous vote, approved the ordinance which enables neighborhoods to establish Special Assessment Districts (SADs) for financing snow removal from streets, mosquito abatement, and increased security services. As written, the ordinance will require the establishment of a Designated Neighborhood Improvement Organization (DNIO) which, in turn, can petition the community it serves to establish a SAD. The City of Detroit will facilitate the assessment, collection and purchasing of services under the direction of an established DNIO.

[For more information on Special Assessment Districts click here!](#)

The Bottom Line is....



The Mayor transmitted to Council a triennial budget, as required by the City Charter, covering Fiscal Years 2015 through 2017. Notable changes include variations to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding process, extreme reductions to employee benefits across virtually all departments and funding of restructuring and reinvestment initiatives associated with the City's Plan of Adjustment filed with the Federal Bankruptcy Court. During the budget process for CDBG, Councilwoman Sheffield was able to restore grant funding to the world-renowned arts group, Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit.

[For more information on the proposed budget click here!](#)

Keeping Up with the Councilwoman

Touching the District!



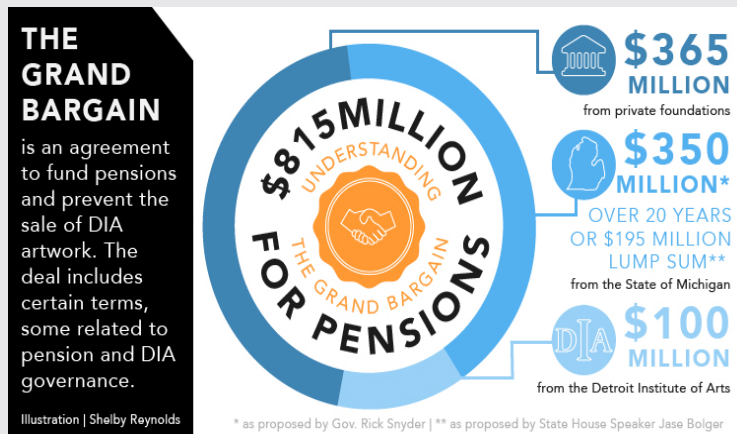
On Saturday, May 10, the Councilwoman and staff participated in the 'Color Me Rad' 10K Race benefiting "World AIDS Day" and complimentary efforts here in Detroit. The event, held on Detroit's Riverfront right inside District 5, started out with beautiful skies and ended up with a very messy, yet very colorful, Council Member and team.



Council Member Sheffield remains true to her calling to minister to those in need of spiritual upliftment and care. She delivered the Word to the **Greater St. Peter A.M.E. Zion Church** located in the heart of District 5. Pastor Anthony Johnson invited her to speak and Council Member Sheffield could not refuse the offer to share the Word and fellowship with the congregation.

[For more photos of District 5 events click here](#)

Telling Our Story!

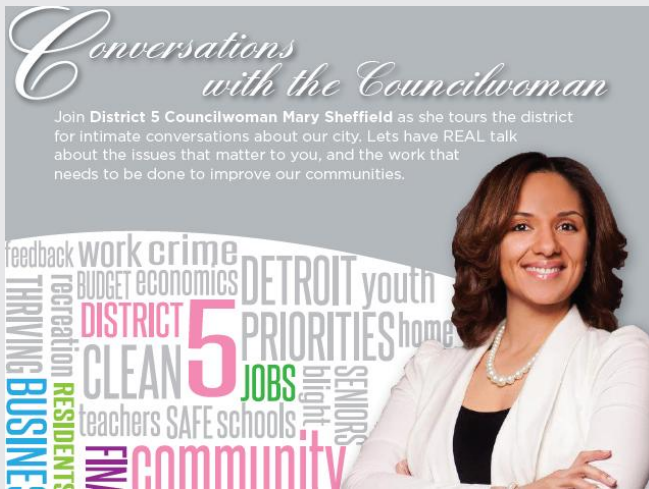


Council Member Sheffield accompanied her colleagues and the Mayor in Lansing to provide testimony on the package of bills known as the "Grand Bargain." Although, Council Member Sheffield was there in solidarity with other City officials to protect retirees' pensions, she had serious concerns and reservations about House Bill 5566 (the main bill). She was not in support of a 20 year oversight period and had reservations about relinquishing control of such a valuable asset such as the DIA collection. With that said, City Officials and Detroit State Legislators were successful in achieving key amendments, such as an appointment for the Council President and a provision which would cause the commission to go dormant after 3 years, instead of 10, if the city meets required financial benchmarks.

[For more info on the Grand Bargain Legislation Click here!](#)

Live in District 5

"Conversations with the Councilwoman"



Due to the City's budget hearings and the District 5 Office Kickoff, the 4th edition of the hugely popular Conversations Series will be held in July. Please join our mailing list or check the July newsletter for details. Feel free to call our office if you have suggestions for future Conversations.

For photos of past "Conversations" [click here!](#)

District 5 Thrives!



The Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix returned to the MotorCity on May 30-June 1, 2014. The event featured the cars of the Verizon IndyCar Series, the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship, the Pirelli World Challenge Series and the trucks of the SPEED Energy Stadium SUPER Truck Series. Nearly 100,000 people were treated to a high-quality, world-renowned and international event at Belle Isle - one of Detroit's treasures located in District 5. The event reportedly generated nearly \$50 million in economic activity for Detroit and the region.

[For more info about the Belle Isle Grand Prix click here](#)

Fun in the Sun!!!



On **Thursday, June 26, 2014**, Councilwoman Sheffield will host the District 5 office Kick-off in conjunction with the Department of Recreation and the Butzel Family Center's Family Health Fair and Safe Summer Youth Jam. It's a fun filled event for the entire family with information on health, safety, and summer activities. Join us as we kick off the District 5 office and the summer season! Youth submitting completed pledge cards will be eligible for the drawings to win free bikes and adults will be entered into a raffle for other donated prizes. The event will be from **12pm - 6pm** at the Butzel Family Center located at 7737 Kercheval Ave., near Van Dyke.

[For the flyer and more information on the event click here](#)

News You Can Use

More Money Down the Drain!!!



On Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6pm in the 13th Floor CAYMAC Auditorium, there will be a public hearing on the proposed Detroit Water and Sewage Department rate increases. The two major factors contributing to a need for an increase are: lower sales volume trends and increased retail bad debt expenses. The proposed rate increase is designed to generate 0.4% more revenue for water and 0.5% less revenue for sewage. Come and let your voice be heard on this important issue.

[For more information on the proposed rate increase click here](#)

Your Body is Your Temple!



The City of Detroit's contracted Health and Wellness Promotion provider, the Institute of Population Health (IPH), is hosting their Open House at their various locations on Friday, June 6, 2014. Attendees can meet the staff, learn about services and enjoy light refreshments at their 3 neighborhood locations from 1-4:30pm. Later that day, the public can tour IPH's Riverfront office, in the heart of District 5, where they will have live entertainment, hors d' oeuvres, invited speakers such as the Governor,

Mayor and Congressional Representatives and a dedication of the training and board rooms.

[For more information on the events and IPH click here](#)

That's a Load of Garbage!



Starting the week of June 2nd, the City of Detroit's west-side solid waste contractor, Advanced Disposal, will begin collecting garbage, bulk items, yard waste and recycling for Detroit Residents that live West of Woodward and North of I-94. All items should be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. New services will be completed by 5pm daily and bulk, yard waste, and recycling services will be every other week.

[For information on Advanced Disposal Services click here](#)

Now Hiring, Apply Within!

The Pure Michigan website hosts an employment service called Talent Connect. This service compiles up-to-date job postings for Michigan employers in an attempt to connect them to job seekers. Follow the link below to view opportunities in Metro Detroit, or to start your own search.

[To view the job postings and apply click here](#)

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